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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joshua D. Schneider

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13 and 17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. In light of the teaching of Fujimori, the claims are anticipated. The requirements of any transmission that converts between IEEE1394 to USB inside the computer are not shown in the drawings, but are found in the specification. As such the previous finality is withdrawn, and a new final rejection is presented below in view of the machine translation of Fujimori.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 13, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2004-15181 to Fujimori Shingo.

4. With regards to claim 13, Fujimori teaches generating an IEEE 1394 command to exchange data with a digital video device (FCP (framework for IEEE1394 commands as set forth by IEC 1883 specification) inherently must be generated in order to be transmitted, paragraph 14), the IEEE 1394 command being generated in the video application according to IEEE 1394 protocol (paragraphs 20 and 21, command and video data from AP video application for an IEEE 1394 driver according to FCP), converting in the computer system the IEEE 1394 command to a USB command in accordance with the USB protocol (paragraph 21, command and video data

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from AP transmitted to a USB driver via a conversion driver from an IEEE 1394 driver), transmitting the USB command over a USB connection in the computer system to a converter external to the computer system (Fig. 2, element 202); receiving the USB command in a converter device (Fig. 1, element USB20, 101); converting in the converting device the USB command to the IEEE 1394 command (Fig. 1, element 102); and transmitting the IEEE 1394 command from the converting device to the digital video device (Fig. 2, 203).

5. With regards to claim 15, Fujimori teaches converting the IEEE 1394 command to the USB command comprises, a USB client device driver that receives data packets from a IEEE 1394 stack (paragraphs 20 and 21), passes data packets to a system driver component (inherent to use of computer), and transmits them to the converter device (paragraphs 19-21).

6. With regards to claim 17, Fujimori teaches generating an IEEE 1394 command to exchange data with the video application running on the computer system (paragraph 16, Fig. 2, element 204), the IEEE 1394 command being generated in the digital video device according to IEEE 1394 protocol (Fig. 2, element 204); transmitting the IEEE 1394 command over a IEEE 1394 connection to a converter device (Fig. 2, element 203); receiving the IEEE 1394 command in the converter device (Fig. 1, element 104); converting in the converter device, the IEEE 1394 command to a USB command in accordance with the USB protocol (paragraph 16, Fig. 1, element USB20, 101); transmitting the USB command over a USB connection from the converting device to the computer system (Fig. 2, element 202); and receiving the USB command in the computer system (Fig. 2, element 201), converting, in the computer system, the USB command to a IEEE1394 command in accordance with the IEEE1394 protocol (paragraphs 20 and 21, command and video data from AP video application for an IEEE 1394 driver

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according to FCP will inherently be inverted for incoming commands), and providing the IEEE1394 to the video application (paragraph 18).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 14, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2004-15181 to Fujimori Shingo in further view of the AAPA.

9. With regards to claim 14, Fujimori fails to teach converting the IEEE 1394 command to the USB command comprises a 1394-USB tunnel driver that receives a IEEE 1394 bus input-output request, creates data packets with OHCI-compatible PCI accesses and transmits them to a USB stack. However, the AAPA teaches that it is well known in the art to create USB drivers according to the well-known Windows driver model (paragraphs 0051 and 0052). The creation of OHCI compatible data is also a notoriously well-known standard. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the use the commercially available chips of the AAPA to implement a stack driver for the conversions of Fujimori in order to allow data transmission over commonly available USB ports and same design costs by using commercially available solutions.

10. With regards to claims 16 and 18, Fujimori fails to teach converting the IEEE 1394 command to the USB command comprises first converting the IEEE 1394 command to an intermediate protocol. However, the AAPA teaches commercially available chips for converting

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USB data and IEEE1394 to intermediate formats (paragraphs 36-39, 50, and 51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the use of commercially available conversion chips with the converter of Fujimori in order to save time and money on design and production cost by using off the shelf product.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

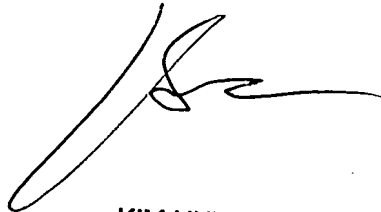
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua D. Schneider whose telephone number is (571) 272-4158. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on (571) 272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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